

IN THE CLAIMS:

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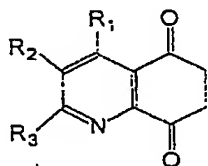
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--8. (Amended) Pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound selected from the compounds according to Claim 1 for treating, by virtue of their cytotoxic properties, cancerous tumours and their metastases.

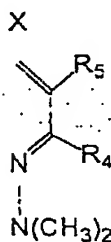
9. (Amended) Use of the compounds as defined in Claim 1 in the manufacture of an anticancer medicament.

10. (Amended) Process for the preparation of compounds according to Claim 1, which consists in:

a) reacting, according to a hetero Diels-Alder reaction, a quinolinedione of formula:

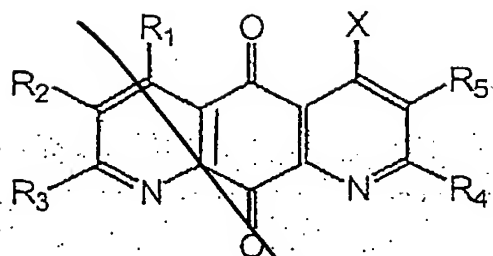


and an azadiene of formula

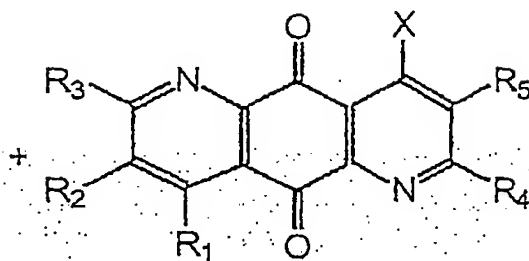


where X = CH₃,

in order to obtain a mixture of compounds



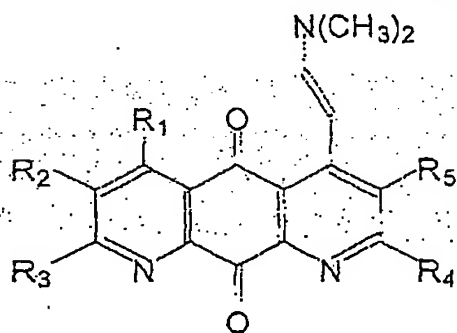
Formula II



Formula IIa

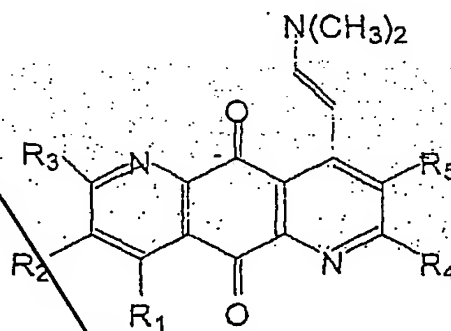
b) optionally separating the compounds of formulae II and IIa,

A3 c₁) subsequently reacting a compound of formulae II and or IIa with dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal, in order to obtain an enamine of formula:



Formula III

and/or



Formula IIIa

then functionalizing the enamines, in order to introduce the R₆ and/or R₇ substituents, and cyclizing, in order to obtain the compounds of formulae I and/or Ia,

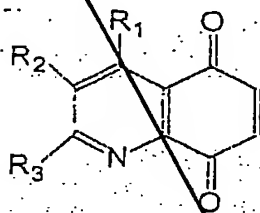
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c₂) functionalizing and cyclizing at the same time, in order to obtain the compounds of formulae I and/or Ia,

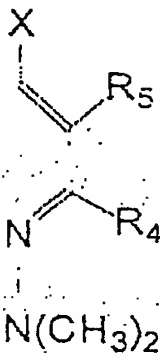
d) optionally separating the compounds of formulae I and Ia.

11. (Amended) Process for the preparation of compounds according to Claim 1 of formulae I or Ia in which R6 and R7 are hydrogen atoms, which consists:

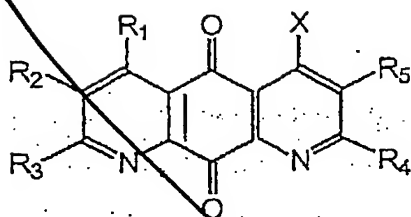
a) in reacting, according to a hetero Diels-Alder reaction, a quinolinedione of formula:



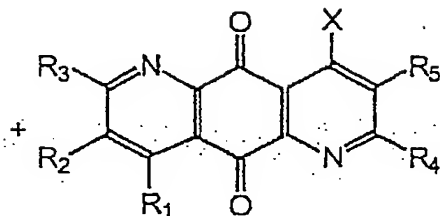
and an azadiene of formula



where X = CH₂-CH₂-NHBoc,
in order to obtain a mixture of compounds



Formula II



Formula IIa

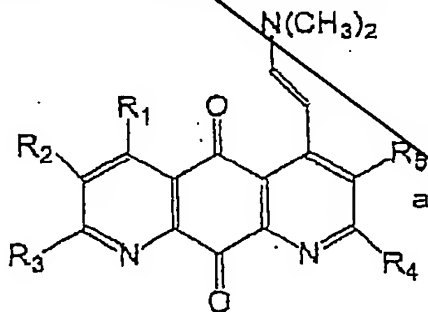
b) optionally separating the compounds of formulae II and IIa,

c) cyclizing a compound of formulae II and/or IIa, in order to obtain a compound of formulae I and/or Ia,

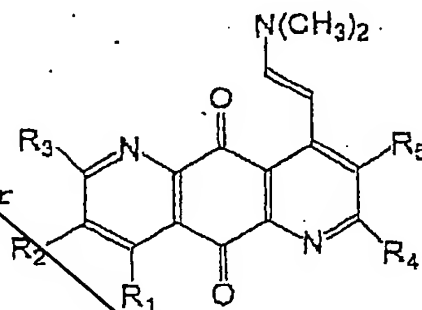
d) optionally separating the compounds of formulae I or Ia.

ADD NEW CLAIM 13:

13. (New) Enamine of formula:



Formula III

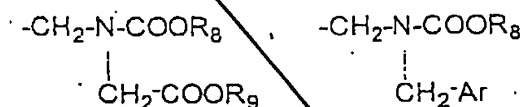


Formula IIIa

in which:

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R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4 and R_5 are selected from hydrogen, halogens, C_1-C_6 alkyl groups, hydroxyl, $-CHO$, $-OR_8$, $-COOH$, $-CN$, $-CO_2R_8$, $-CONHR_8$, $-CONR_8R_9$, $-NH_2$, $-NHR_8$, $-N(R_8)_2$, $-NH-CH_2-CH_2-N(CH_3)_2$, $-NH-CH_2-CH_2-Cl$, $-NHCOR_8$, morpholino, nitro, SO_3H ,



R_8 and R_9 being selected from C_1-C_6 alkyl groups and phenyl (C_1-C_4) alkyl groups and Ar being a C_6-C_{14} aryl group. --

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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